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Guards went 'over the line'

Security firm rapped for lack of training after alleged assault

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

Local security guards blame a lack of training for incidents like the alleged attack on a protester on Sunday.

Two Canstar Security guards allegedly assaulted Atul Jain, who was packing up signs near Deerfoot Mall on Sunday after protesting the Shrine Circus.

Former Canstar Security guard Chris Kentebe told Metro he quit the company after working there for only five months.

"I had to leave because they were completely useless. What the guards need is better training. It seemed that anyone can work as a guard here," noted the former Toronto guard.

A current Canstar guard who didn't want to use his name for fear of reprimand said he is "ashamed" to wear his uniform after this incident.

"I met Atul and I find it hard to believe he would be capable of violence. It merely accentuates my belief ... more training should be par for the course," the man said.

Jain, who suffered damaged ribs in the incident, said the two guards came at him unprovoked, pushed him to the ground and handcuffed him. There are photos of the incident but no charges were laid.

Vice-president of Impact Security Group John Burns said guards didn't follow protocol when handcuffing Jain.

"Those guards stepped over the line," Burns said. "We're merely the eyes and ears for the police; we're not supposed to be out there handcuffing people."

Currently there is no requirement for training in Alberta but most other provinces have a mandatory 40-hour course. Applicants must pass a test with 75 per cent.

"It's not compulsory here and I believe Alberta is the only province that doesn't have a requirement. But it's coming down the line soon," Burns said, adding his company is voluntarily introducing the course.

Canstar operations manager Basim Abu-Ijleh said the company is investigating the incidents and searching for both sides of the story.

"We are collecting facts from the two security guards, their supervisor and the police. It is protocol to use handcuffs as a last resort," he said.

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no minimum requirements

» Security guards only carry handcuffs if they have taken the certified course and do not carry batons or pepper spray, only a flashlight. Each company is responsible for training its own guards, but there is currently no minimum requirements in Alberta.

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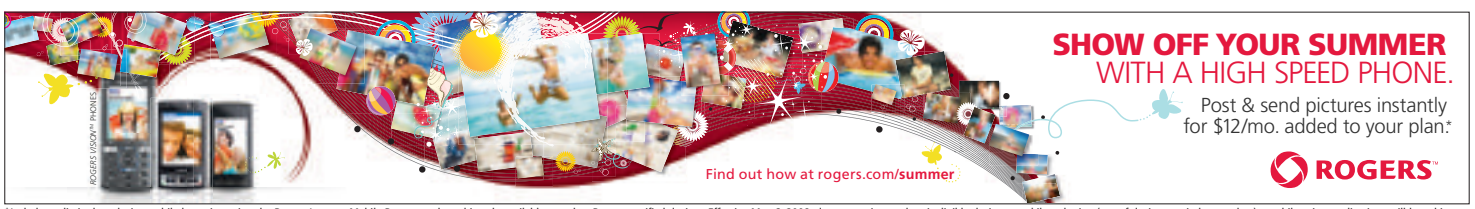
Pumping up taxpayers' wallets

Canadian Taxpayers Federation Alberta co-ordinator Scott Hennig handed out cash to lucky drivers who fuelled up at the Fair Deal Tire and Gas yesterday for the 10th annual Gas Tax Honesty Day. Story, page 4.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Zoo calls in cops

Officials downplay sabotage as four more stingrays die

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

Zoo officials are downplaying reports of foul play involving the death of 40 stingrays at the Calgary Zoo, despite earlier contradictory comments that suggested a possible poisoning.

But despite a lack of evidence to support the theory the stingrays were deliberately poisoned, the Calgary Zoo has called in the assistance of the city cops.

"We are not suggesting that criminal activity led to the ray deaths," said Cathy Gaviller, zoo director of conservation, research and education. "While we have not been able to rule out that possibility, there are other potential causes that cannot be excluded either."

> *« It's still very early and we're awaiting back toxicology results. We only called in the police as a precaution. »*
>
> *Ted Trewella, zoo manager of facilities services*

Earlier conflicting comments from the zoo included spokesperson Laurie Herron telling reporters they suspected it was deliberate.

"This is a huge tank, so something substantial had to have been put in ... we don't know if it was a powder or a liquid. But at this point we're thinking it was not accidental," she said Tuesday.

At yesterday's police press conference, zoo manager of facilities services Ted Trewella told reporters there is a very small chance the toxins entered the water purposefully.

"It's still very early and we're awaiting back toxicology results. We only called in the police as a precaution … it's very low on our radar screens right now," he said.

The conference was held after four more stingrays died during the day, leaving only three left in critical condition.

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Intense **Tennis, anyone?**

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

U of C student Eliot Bouvry, 23, gives his best during an intense tennis match at the Calgary Tennis Club yesterday.

CPS civilian employee charged

By **KRISTA SYLVESTER**
Metro Calgary

A civilian member of the Calgary Police Service has been charged in a million dollar marijuana grow-op bust.

Police have charged customer service administrator Lan Nguyen Dang, 30, with drug trafficking after the Southern Alberta Marijuana Investigative Team searched two Chestermere homes and unearthed a total of $1.4 million in marijuana plants.

2 years
» Lan Nguyen Dang worked in the organization for two years but only had limited access to internal systems.

"I've never seen anything like this in the many years I've been here." Supt. Ken Merchant of the Specialized Investigations Division told reporters.

Dang has been suspended without pay. Also charged is Van Thanh Pham, 36, with trafficking. Both face charges of production of marijuana and theft of utilities.

»news In Brief

» **CRIME** Calgary Police have launched a program where interested businesses are e-mailed information about break-ins and thefts in their area. The pilot project is focused on protecting Calgary's southeast industrial area, with more than 500 companies involved. Businesses can sign up by e-mailing industrial strength@calgarypolice.ca. METRO CALGARY

Chinese community grapples with quake tragedy

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

Aftershocks of the earthquake in China were felt in different ways around the world, finding their way to Calgary where the Chinese community is banding together to grapple with the tragedy.

Calgarian Bonnie Tan has family in Chengdu, the capital city of Sichuan province, and said she was lucky to get a hold of them to ensure they were OK.

"Every hour, I talked to my dad to see how it was going," she said. Her brother, who also lives there, was driving at the time the quake struck.

"He thought maybe it was a problem with his car," Tan said.

With her mom staying with her here in Calgary, Tan has stayed in close contact with friends in Calgary who also have loved ones and friends in the region, sharing information and confirming their safety.

"People are shocked," she said. "We were so relieved that the people we know in that area were OK."

The Calgary Chinese Cultural Centre is currently offering its space free of charge to qualified organizations wanting to fundraise for relief.

Last estimates indicated a quake death toll of 15,000.

The public funeral service for Calgarian Cpl. Michael Starker of the 15th Field Ambulance Regiment will take place on Friday at 2 p.m. at the Roundup Centre Hall D at the Calgary Stampede grounds. It will be a full Catholic mass and full honours military funeral, which is expected to last 90 minutes. METRO CALGARY

Premier blames happy hour

Minimum drink prices on tap to curb rowdies

By **JEFF CUMMINGS**
Metro Edmonton

Imposing minimum prices on drinks during happy hour could curb binge drinking and the problems that go with it, says Premier Ed Stelmach.

During a news conference yesterday, Stelmach said a weekend assault on two police officers by a group of young people who were drinking at a bar on Jasper Avenue has highlighted the need for limits on nightclubs and bars.

With low prices at bars, Stelmach believes customers drink more, which leads to binging and acting badly.

"(Binge drinking) is becoming a serious matter because when police officers are actually swarmed on the street, it is like the Old West and we've got to get control of it," said Stelmach.

« (Binge drinking) is becoming a serious matter because when police officers are actually swarmed on the street, it is like the Old West and we've got to get control of it. »

Premier Ed Stelmach

"This is not the kind of message we want to send to others in terms of safe communities in Edmonton."

Solicitor General Fred Lindsay says he will be making an announcement on the minimum-price plan in the legislature soon and his government will be talking with nightclub owners about the new plan.

Lindsay will look into shorter happy hours and limits on how many drinks can be on a bar table after last call.

The move comes after the province already brought in a new training program earlier this year for bar and nightclub security staff to help them curb violence and increase safety.

Kim Haakstad, an executive director with the Alliance of Beverage Licensees in British Columbia, says bars in that province are not allowed to offer happy hour, and can only serve patrons a certain amount of alcohol per drink.

Bar patrons are allowed up to three shots of alcohol in one drink, compared to Alberta where "quadruple shots are quite common," said Haakstad.

"This is just something we have sort of expected here," says Haakstad.

"I am sure many businesses would love to offer happy hour, but they are just simply not allowed."

Stelmach also said drugs are also becoming a bigger dilemma for a booming province. People with "more money in their pockets" are turning to drugs, he added.

New way to cross the street

Pedestrian-friendly crosswalks unveiled

By **ALICIA FOX**
for Metro Calgary

Two new criss-cross crosswalks opened yesterday at the corners of 3 Ave. and 3 St. S.W. and 2 Ave. and 3 St. S.W, allowing a mishmash of people to cross any which way they'd like, including kitty corner, as all directions of traffic stop for pedestrians.

Ald. Druh Farrell, who was at the ribbon-cutting, said cities like Saskatoon have had crosswalks like this since the '40s.

"We've identified … a goal that pedestrians should come first," she said. "Pedestrian comfort, convenience and safety are some things that we're striving for."

The new crosswalk lighting will be running 24/7 and has a longer walk-time allowance for foot traffic. During peak times, there are 6,000 pedestrian movements daily across these intersections.

Ryan Vanderputten, Calgary's manager of Transportation Optimization, said they will be evaluating its success before considering other intersections.

ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY

A new sign was added to a couple intersections downtown yesterday as the city unveiled two criss-cross pedestrian crossings with the hope of improving the flow of foot traffic in the core.

First quarter sees jump in transit

'It's affordable, it's convenient, it's effective'

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

Fuel pump pain appears to be driving Calgary Transit into uncharted territory.

Transit turned over $2.7 million in profits, while exceeding its expected commuter tallies by more than a million and a half riders.

Escalating gas prices are fuelling increase in transit use, a trend Calgary Transit's Ron Collins expects will continue well into the future.

"More people now than ever see value in public transit, so they're parking their vehicles," Collins said. "It's affordable, it's convenient, it's effective and that trend continued through April, so I foresee no slow down in our growth any time soon."

The transit explosion was revealed yesterday as the city's finance committee unfurled its first-quarter report that, in contrast, painted an ugly picture for Calgary EMS, which incurred a $144,000 operating budget shortfall due mainly to staffing deficiencies and increased overtime.

"I think that's expected, to a degree," said finance committee vice-chair Joe Ceci. "It doesn't put us in any sort of difficult financial position and, obviously, we'd like to get it all returned, but it basically boils down to bad collection on debt, something the province should be covering because it really is a health service."

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Q1 highlights

- 34 "green units" added to city fleet
- Paid recreation admissions down by 62,368 from the first quarter of 2007
- EMS missing 8-minute response time target of 83 per cent by 9.5 per cent
- 50 low-floor and 15 articulated buses ordered and received
- 400 cameras, including associated technology, installed on transit vehicles

Unsuspecting pumpers get cash back

Taxpayers group celebrates Gas Tax Honesty Day

By **NEIL MACKINNON**
Metro Calgary

He wants the federal government to go all the way with taxpayers.

Scott Hennig, the Canadian Taxpayers Federation's Alberta director, said not only do governments need to lift the veil of secrecy on gasoline taxes but they also need to pump more into both road construction and maintenance and drivers' pockets.

« Use it or lose it, either put the money back toward road improvement or get rid of the tax altogether. »

Scott Hennig, Canadian Taxpayers Federation's Alberta director

"We've got them to go half the way, we've got them to give 50 per cent back to roads. We want to see them go the full way and give the other 50 per cent back to motorists," said Hennig, enveloped in fresh petrol fumes as he doled out gas tax money to unsuspecting pumpers yesterday as part of the federation's 10th annual Gas Tax Honesty Day at Fair Deal Tire and Gas.

"Use it or lose it, either put the money back toward road improvement or get rid of the tax altogether."

While Alberta has the lowest rates of gas taxation in the confederation at 22 cents on every litre, customer Isobel Rankin, who received a $13.20 payment from Hennig after a $60 top-up, still thinks it's too much.

"It's terrible," Rankin said.

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» COLLISION Calgary EMS provided advanced life-support treatment to a 47-year-old female cyclist who collided with a car at 101 17th Ave. SW yesterday afternoon. The woman was transported to Foothills Hospital in life-threatening condition.

» STABBING A 25-year-old man was taken to hospital in life-threatening condition after being stabbed just after 6 a.m. yesterday morning at 3 St. and 9 Ave. SE. There is no description of the attacker at this time.

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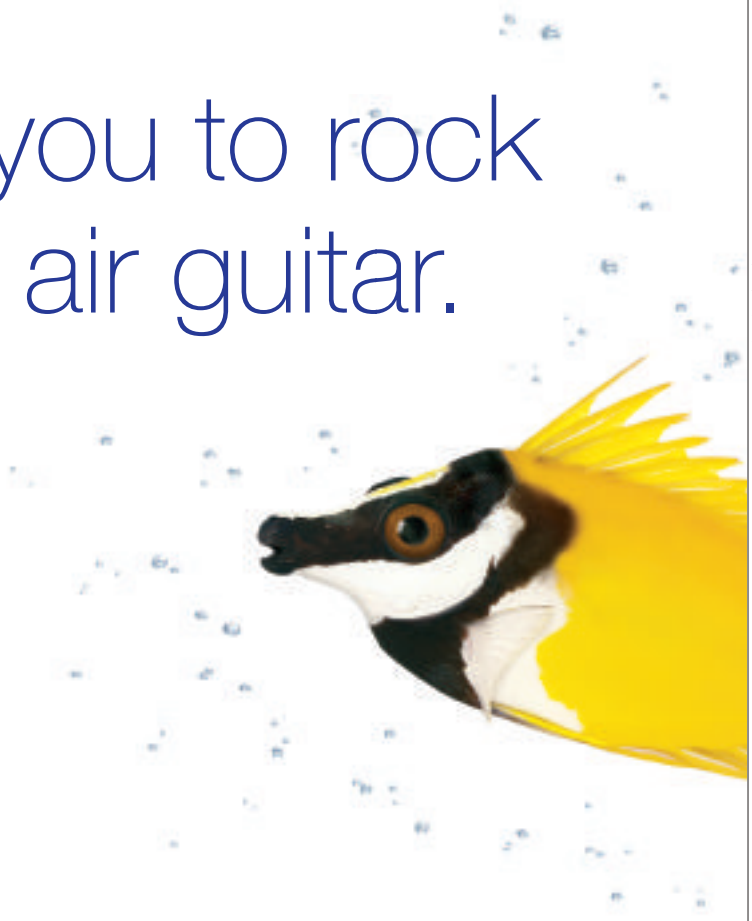

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Despite the new morning debates at the Ontario legislature, there will be no cafe lattes or double-double coffees for MPPs in the house, a parliamentary committee has decreed. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Youth ruling coming

Decision could toughen sentences for young offenders

broader review

» The federal government is about to embark on a broader review of the Youth Criminal Justice Act, meeting with justice officials in every province.

One hundred years after Parliament created a juvenile justice system, a ruling from the Supreme Court of Canada tomorrow could determine whether young offenders will still be treated differently than adults — and whether federal Conservatives push ahead with plans to toughen sentences for violent youths.

The long-awaited ruling by the court involves the case of "D.B.," a Hamilton, Ont., youth convicted of manslaughter for "sucker punching" and stomping on a fellow teen at a local shopping mall in 2003. The victim later died of his injuries.

At issue in the case are several key provisions in the Youth Criminal Justice Act, which require young people who commit violent crimes to justify why they should be sentenced as a youth instead of as an adult — and why their identity should remain shielded by a publication ban.

When D.B. pleaded guilty in 2004, Superior Court Justice Thomas Lofchik ruled the provisions were unconstitutional, violating principles of fundamental justice guaranteed by the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. He sentenced D.B. to a youth court term of three years.

In upholding that decision in 2006, Justice Stephen Goudge of the Ontario Court of Appeal said because adult sentences are presumed to be the norm and youth sentences the exception for serious crimes, the provisions run counter to Canadian society's century-old notions of justice — namely that youths should be treated differently from adult offenders, in recognition of their reduced maturity.

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More Americans apply for asylum

As Canada's refugee backlog continues to grow, asylum seekers from the United States are appearing prominently on the radar for the first time, ranking fifth among other top refugee source countries in the world.

Latest statistics from the Immigration and Refugee Board showed the number of refugee cases pending a decision has doubled since the Conservatives took power in 2006 from 20,446 to 42,000 last year — a result of the government's slow response to filling adjudicator vacancies.

And surprisingly, close to 1,000 American citizens filed asylum claims in Canada in 2007, with 305 more lodged just in the first three months of this year, pushing the number of backlogged American cases to 1,339.

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»news In Brief

» **JAIL** A Fredericton man will be jailed after refusing to pay a fine for skateboarding on city streets, cbc.ca reports. Lee Breen, 25, was fined in the summer of 2007. The fine increased from $50 to $100 when Breen failed to pay it. A judge ordered him in April to pay the fine or be sent to jail for five days. Breen turned himself in yesterday, and was taken into custody. It is not clear whether he will have to serve the full five days in prison.

» **WILDLIFE** Canada, home to two-thirds of the world's polar bears, will not follow the United States and list the animals as an endangered species, for now, Environment Minister John Baird indicated yesterday. U.S. Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne said the bears had to be listed because their sea ice habitat was melting away.

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Global plan **An unBEElievable effort!**

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York University biology professor Laurence Packer examines a carpenter bee from Kenya. It's among more than 100,000 bee specimens in the university's collection. Packer is leading international bee experts in Toronto this week to devise a global plan to identify all bee species in the world. Nearly 20,000 species have already been identified and Packer thinks there could be 5,000 more.

Drug linked to higher death risk

A massive Canadian study that caused a popular heart surgery drug to be pulled from the shelves last November has shown it increased the risk of death by 50 per cent over two rival medications.

study

» Hebert said the study showed that of "every 50 patients treated with Aprotinin, one (more) patient would die" over those who received either of the other clotting drugs.

Pharmaceutical giant Bayer AG voluntarily removed the anti-bleeding drug Aprotinin, which was marketed as Trasylol, from circulation when early results from the University of Ottawa-led study began to reveal its relative risks.

"The ... study will change the way heart surgery is done around the world," said Dr. David Mazer, an anesthesiologist at Toronto's St. Michael's Hospital and a co-author of the paper, the final draft of which was published online by the New England Journal of Medicine yesterday.

"It was a bit of a surprise in seeing this," said Dr. Paul Hebert, a critical care physician at the Ottawa Hospital and a principal study investigator. "We've ... shown, we think reasonably definitively, that (Aprotinin) increases the risk of death as compared to two alternatives."

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Defence spending near $50B

'Total investments' of $30B budget only, official says

The Canadian Forces are slated to spend between $45 billion and $50 billion on equipment between now and 2028, says Lt.-Gen. Walter Natynczyk, the vice-chief of defence staff.

On Monday, Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Defence Minister Peter MacKay presented the "total investments we're making in the military in the next generation" as a $30 billion undertaking during a news conference on the Canada First Defence Strategy in Halifax.

But the $30 billion figure represents just the budget for the Department of National Defence in 2028 as a result of a 2 per cent annual increase that starts in 2011.

"What we're going to invest between now and (2028), and further on beyond that, is that $45 billion to $50 billion," a senior military official explained yesterday. "These are two different numbers. They mean two different things."

target dropped

» In 2006, the Tories committed to building up to a military of 75,000 regular forces and 35,000 reserves within five years. The target has now been dropped to 70,000 full-time soldiers and 30,000 part-timers, but there is no longer a timeline, a senior military official admitted.

Dan Dugas, a spokesperson for MacKay, denied that the Prime Minister or defence minister misspoke, and said any confusion was the fault of reporters who "seized" on the $30 billion figure "rather than look at what we were rolling out as priorities.".

But it was the government and the military scrambling yesterday to salvage a blueprint for the future of the military that has been trashed all week as a rehash of old announcements designed to get the Conservative party re-elected.

Pundits and even military enthusiasts decried the lack of detail and vision in the 20-year military plan this week, as well as the absence of a public document to formalize the government's ambitions.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Grit leader defends carbon tax despite party's warning

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion gave a strong defence of the idea of a carbon tax yesterday in the face of warnings from within his party that the proposal could be political suicide.

Dion's defence came just hours after Liberal MPs privately voiced concerns that the party was losing the public relations war even before its strategy is released, leaving the Tories to paint the plan as a tax grab that will hit motorists and homeowners.

« I'm always confident when you speak to the intelligence, the mind, the big hearts of Canadians, and Canadians see that this government will lie again and again and again. »

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion

"They (the Liberals) have decided, in this time of rising gas prices, that the key to winning the next election and keeping their party together is to raise those gas prices on ordinary Canadians. That is the plan their leader is going to be unveiling in the weeks ahead," government House leader Peter Van Loan told the Commons yesterday.

But Dion yesterday accused the Conservatives of twisting the truth, and he voiced confidence that Canadians would be receptive to the Liberal ideas.

"I'm always confident when you speak to the intelligence, the mind, the big hearts of Canadians, and Canadians see that this government will lie again and again and again," Dion told reporters after question period.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

»news In Brief

» **WHALE** A blue whale skeleton buried in Prince Edward Island 20 years ago will see the light of day for the first time this weekend when a team of University of British Columbie scientists exhumes its putrid remains. the giant whale, which is as long as two school buses washed up on shore in 1987. After it's cleaned up, it will begin a cross-Canada trek to British Columbia where it will be put on display at UBC.

» **TASER** There is no uniform policy among municipal police forces in British Columbia on the use of the Taser, says the president of the B.C. Association of Municipal Chiefs of Police, Bob Rich, speaking at a B.C. public inquiry into the use of Tasers that followed the death of a Polish immigrant at a Vancouver airport. He said although steps are being taken toward change, right now policies on the use of force are left to each municipal department.

» **PASSPORTS** After a dramatic spike in reports of lost and stolen passports over the past two years, Passport Canada is giving additional scrutiny to passport applications across the country and warning travellers to protect their travel documents.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

world

Lingerie maker Triumph International Japan unveiled a environmentally friendly "Solar Power Bra" yesterday in Tokyo that features a solar panel worn around the stomach. The bra generates enough power to charge a cellphone or iPod. REUTERS

Hope fading for quake survivors

Death toll keeps climbing as new calamities loom

China ordered fresh waves of helicopters and aid into earthquake-devastated areas as severed roads, aftershocks and the sheer magnitude of 15,000 or more dead defied increasingly desperate rescue efforts.

The Communist Party leadership ordered officials to "ensure social stability" as Monday's 7.9 magnitude quake in southwest Sichuan province spawned rumours of chemical spills, fears of dam bursts and torrid scenes of collective grief.

quake costs

» The quake was the worst to hit China since 1976 when about 300,000 died. Leading disaster modelling firm AIR Worldwide said the cost of the quake was likely to exceed $20 billion.

Early yesterday, the official estimated death toll from the Monday quake stood at nearly 14,463, unchanged from the previous day.

In all, about 10 million people have been directly affected by the quake, according to the Xinhua news agency.

But as rescuers pick through towns turned to rubble nearest the earthquake's epicentre, the toll of missing — and probably dead — is likely to balloon.

Officials have also warned of dangers from increased strain on local dams as well as mudslides on brittle hillsides where rain has been forecast over the next few days.

REUTERS

America lists polar bears as threatened

Polar bears were listed as threatened under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, yesterday, because their sea ice habitat is melting away.

But the new protection was not accompanied by any proposals to address either climate change, which environmentalists say causes the deterioration of the bears' habitat, or drilling in the Arctic for the fossil fuels that spur the climate-warming greenhouse effect. In announcing the government's decision Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne acknowledged that human-caused greenhouse gas emissions contributed to the global warming damaging the polar bears' habitat. REUTERS

survey

» The U.S. Geological Survey said two-thirds of the world's polar bears could be gone by 2050 if predictions about melting sea ice hold true.

UN says 2.5 million need aid

Top donors to meet on growing Myanmar crisis

The United Nations estimated those affected by the Myanmar cyclone at up to 2.5 million yesterday and called an urgent meeting of big donors and Asian states as the Myanmar junta continued to limit foreign aid.

The European Union's top aid official said the military government's restrictions were increasing the risk of starvation and disease.

UN humanitarian affairs chief John Holmes told reporters that there were now between 1.6-2.5 million people who were "severely affected" by Cyclone Nargis and urgently needed aid, up from a previous estimate of at least 1.5 million people.

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Survivors of the Myanmar cyclone eat a meal at a relief centre. The UN suggested 2.5 million people have been effected by the storm.

Another powerful storm was spotted approaching Myanmar yesterday afternoon. REUTERS

U.S. politics

John Edwards to endorse Obama

Edwards

BACKING Former presidential candidate John Edwards said we would endorse Democrat Barack Obama yesterday, giving a major boost to the Illinois senator's efforts to unify the party behind his bid for the White House.

Edwards, the 2004 vice presidential nominee, had been heavily courted by both Obama and rival Hillary Clinton in the past few months.

volcano eruption

Chile closes town for three months

DISASTER The Chilean government yesterday evacuated the town of Chaiten and closed it for three months until it is no longer threatened by a cloud of hot ash from an erupting volcano. REUTERS

»news In Brief

» **SPITZER** A booking agent at a prostitution ring that counted former New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer among its clients pleaded guilty yesterday to conspiracy relating to prostitution.

» **SNAKEMAN** A man has escaped from his Austrian jail cell by squeezing through a food hatch in the door, police said yesterday. The 19-year-old Kosovan, who weighed less than 121 lbs was being held at the prison in Linz for entering the country illegally, police spokesman Alexander Niederwimmer told APA news agency. Local media has dubbed the escapee "snakeman."

» **CURFEW** Authorities imposed a dawn-to-dusk curfew in parts of India yesterday, a day after eight bombs ripped through bustling streets, killing 61 people and injuring 216. REUTERS

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Aliens from outer space have been visiting Britain for years and UFO sightings doubled after the film Close Encounters was released in 1977, according to secret files collating reports by members of the public. The alien craft come in all shapes, sizes and colours but their occupants are uniformly green, the Ministry of Defence files show. REUTERS

Bush pushes peace

President says U.S. 'best friend in the world' to Israel

conflict continues

» Violence around the Gaza Strip continues to hamper peace efforts. A rocket fired from the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip struck a shopping mall in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon and wounded several people as Bush and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert met in Jerusalem.
» An Israeli air strike later killed two Hamas fighters and wounded four, the Islamist group and medics said.

U.S. President George W. Bush, in the Middle East to encourage struggling Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, has emphasized historic ties with Israel saying the United States was its "oldest and best friend in the world."

Bush, in Jerusalem to commemorate the 60th anniversary of Israel's creation, will visit the Roman-era fort at Masada and give a speech before the Knesset today.

Before making his second trip this year, and of his presidency, to Israel, Bush had expressed hope that a peace deal could be reached by the time he leaves office in January, despite obstacles that have cropped up since promises were made in Annapolis, Md., last November. REUTERS

Iraq PM in Mosul for offensive

Military hopes to deliver knockout blow to militants

regrouping

» Al Qaeda militants have regrouped in northern Iraq after being pushed out of Baghdad and their former stronghold of western Anbar province by U.S. and Iraqi forces.

Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki flew to the northern city of Mosul yesterday to oversee a big offensive against al Qaeda in what the U.S. military says is the group's last major urban stronghold in Iraq.

Iraqi military officials hope the operation will deliver a knockout blow to the Sunni Islamist militants in northern Iraq. The campaign, which is being led by Iraqi security forces, commenced on Saturday. REUTERS

Fusionman Higher than an eagle

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Former professional Swiss military pilot Yves Rossy, also known as Fusionman, flies in the sky like a rocketeer yesterday in the southern Swiss Alps near Bex. Rossy is the first man ever to successfully fly with wings, fully-powered by four engines on his back.

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Suspected U.S. missile hits house in Pakistan

Seven killed, reports Taliban

no confirmation

» Neither U.S. nor Pakistani authorities officially confirm U.S. missile attacks on Pakistani territory, which would be an infringement of Pakistani sovereignty.

At least one missile suspected to have been fired by a U.S. drone hit a house in northwest Pakistan near the Afghan border yesterday, a Pakistani security official said.

The missile, which hit a house near the village of Damadola in the Bajaur tribal region, where Islamist militants have been known to operate, killed seven people including three children, a Taliban spokesman said.

"One or two missiles were fired from a drone. We don't have any details," said the security official. REUTERS

Lebanon cancels measures

Lebanon's government cancelled measures yesterday that angered the Iranian-backed Hezbollah movement and triggered the worst internal conflict since the country's 1975-90 civil war.

The U.S.-backed government of Prime Minister Fouad Siniora said in a statement after a meeting that it was taking the step in line with a request by the Lebanese army to preserve civil peace and promote an Arab League mediation effort to end Lebanon's 18-month-old political crisis.

A senior opposition source welcomed the move. REUTERS

Darfur future grim: Official

UN peacekeeping chief says mission not having effect

Prospects for peace in Darfur have grown more remote amid declining security, worse conditions for refugees and reluctance by the warring parties to negotiate, the UN peacekeeping chief said yesterday.

A UN and African Union peace force known as UNAMID was gradually deploying in the violence-torn west Sudanese region, but it was still too weak to carry out its mandate, Jean-Marie Guehenno told the Security Council in one of his bleakest assessments.

Guehenno described as a "deeply disturbing development" an attack on Khartoum last weekend by the Darfur rebel Justice and Equality Movement and said he was very concerned that UNAMID had failed to spot the fighters heading for Sudan's capital.

"The incident underscores the serious shortfalls in the mission's resources, especially aerial reconnaissance capabilities," he said.

Equally worrying, he said, was an unconfirmed report received by UNAMID that another rebel group, SLA-Unity, had assembled more than 40 vehicles to attack the North Darfur capital of El Fasher, where the mission is headquartered.

In Sudan, SLA-Unity has said no attack is planned.

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massive toll

» UN officials estimate that as many as 300,000 people may have been killed in the five-year-old Darfur conflict. Khartoum says the figure is only about 10,000.

Pet charity **Let them have cake**

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Romi, a Hungarian Vizsla, enjoys a slice of cake yesterday during a photocall organized by The Blue Cross, Britain's pet charity, in London. Nearly one thousand animal lovers across the country have signed up to support The Blue Cross by holding tea parties in an attempt to raise funds for animals in its care.

Austria

Man admits to killing five: Police

AXED A Viennese man axed to death five family members, including his daughter aged 7, then turned himself in saying he had financial problems, Austrian police said yesterday.

The dead are his wife, daughter, parents and father-in-law.

The 39-year-old confessed to police earlier yesterday.

Officers went to his Vienna apartment and found his wife and daughter. His parents were found at Ansfelden, west of the capital, and his wife's father at nearby Linz.

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EU condemns U.S. execution

The European Union yesterday condemned the resumption of judicial executions in the United States and said abolishing capital punishment was fundamental to protecting human dignity and furthering human rights.

The U.S. state of Georgia executed convicted murderer William Earl Lynd on May 6, the first person to be put to death in the United States since the Supreme Court ended a de facto moratorium on capital punishment last month.

EU president Slovenia said it had unsuccessfully appealed for the United States to stop Lynd's execution. He was convicted of shooting his girlfriend to death in December 1988.

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» **ITALY** Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi can be called to testify in a trial of U.S. and Italian spies accused of kidnapping a terrorism suspect in Milan and flying him to Egypt, a Milan judge ruled yesterday. Berlusconi is not accused of any crime and would appear as a witness in a case that has embarrassed Rome and Washington.

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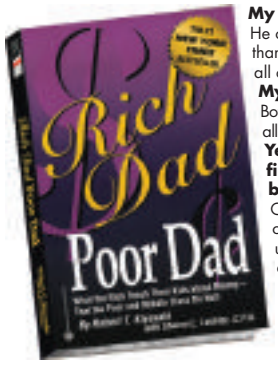

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Shares rise as investors relieved loss not larger

Royal Bank of Canada said it will see pretax writedowns of about $855 million in the second quarter, its largest charge since the credit crisis began last summer.

The bank, Canada's biggest, said that after taxes and compensation adjustments, the charge to earnings is about $420 million. It will report its results on May 29.

Shares of Royal were up $1.15, or 2.4 per cent, at $49.77 at midday on the Toronto Stock Exchange on investor relief that the size of the loss was not larger.

Recently, Citigroup analyst Shannon Cowherd suggested that Royal could take write-downs of about $5 billion, but she later cut her estimate in half after the bank disputed that view. REUTERS

Kearl permit not reinstated

Imperial Oil Ltd. has failed in a court bid to reinstate a key permit for its planned Kearl oilsands project, increasing the odds that the $8 billion Alberta development will be delayed.

A federal court ruled yesterday that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans was right in revoking its permit in March after another court sent Kearl's environmental approval back to regulators for explanation. REUTERS

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» **BLACKBERRY** IBM said yesterday it has started selling software that lets customers access its Cognos business intelligence software via BlackBerry mobile devices. REUTERS

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BRIAN SNYDER/REUTERS

Kevin Garnett, left, and Kendrick Perkins, right, double-team Cleveland's LeBron James during the second half of Boston's 96-89 win last night in Game 5 of their best-of-seven series.

Celtics push Cavs to brink

Boston up 3-2 as Pierce nets 29 and Garnett adds 26

CELTICS 96 CAVALIERS 89

Paul Pierce scored 29 points, grabbed seven rebounds, and hit some clutch free throws down the stretch as the Boston Celtics rebounded from an early 14-point deficit to beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 96-89, and move within one win of advancing to the Eastern Conference finals.

Kevin Garnett scored 26 points and raked in 16 rebounds for the Celtics, who won again at home and lead this conference semifinal series 3-2. Game 6 is slated for tomorrow in Cleveland.

Rajon Rondo had 20 points and 13 assists for Boston, which has yet to win on the road in the post-season, but has won seven straight at home, where it was 35-6 during the regular season.

LeBron James scored 35 points on 12-of-25 shooting, but only had two points in the third quarter when the Celtics took control. Delonte West added 21 points for the Cavs, who shot a miserable 3-of-16 from behind the arc (18.8 per cent) and 28-of-41 from the free-throw line (68.3 per cent).

Boston, which whittled a 14-point deficit in the second quarter down to three by halftime, took that momentum into the third quarter and pulled away. The Celtics took their first lead of the game on a Rondo layup that pushed them ahead 48-46 with 10:52 left in the third.

The Cavs briefly regained the lead, and the game was tied at 55-55 before Pierce drained a three at the 5:28 mark, setting off a 14-3 Boston push. Pierce closed the run with a vicious dunk, bringing the crowd to its feet and giving Boston a 69-58 lead with 1:46 remaining in the quarter.

James, meanwhile, all but disappeared after exploding for 23 points in the first half. He didn't score his first second-half point until a jumper with 44 seconds left in the third quarter that cut the deficit to 71-61, and the Celtics took a 72-63 lead into the final 12 minutes.

The Celtics seemingly tried to give the game away late in the fourth quarter, but missed free throws and missed opportunities doomed the Cavs.

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Stars hold off Wings

Modano scores winner as Dallas avoids sweep

STARS 3 RED WINGS 1

Mike Modano's third-period power-play goal proved to be the game winner, as the Dallas Stars staved off elimination with a 3-1 win over the Detroit Red Wings in Game 4 of the Western Conference finals at American Airlines Center last night.

Loui Eriksson and Brenden Morrow also scored for the Stars, who trail the series 3-1. Sergei Zubov collected two assists, while Marty Turco stopped 33-of-34 shots to earn the win.

Henrik Zetterberg lit the lamp for the Red Wings, who had won nine straight playoff games, the best streak in a single season in franchise history.

Chris Osgood allowed three goals on 22 shots to record his first loss in the post-season.

Game 5 of this series will take place in Detroit on Saturday afternoon.

Detroit dominated the middle stanza territorially and had a power-play goal disallowed near the midway point of the frame because the official determined that Tomas Holmstrom interfered with Turco. The replay clearly showed Holmstrom was not in the crease.

"It was a goal," Zetterberg said. "Homer was outside the crease, nothing new to that. Everything goes really fast out there and unfortunately it was a missed call. I don't think it is a rule but that's that. I don't think the loss came on that call."

The Stars grabbed their first lead of the series with 23 seconds to play before the second intermission. Stephane Robidas moved in from the right point and snapped the puck on goal. Osgood got a piece of it, but Eriksson was standing on the doorstep and hammered home the rebound.

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Dallas Stars Brenden Morrow celebrates his goal against the Detroit Red Wings during the third period of last night's 3-1 win in Game 4 in Dallas, Texas.

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Boston newspaper apologizes to Pats

Nothing new in spygate tapes: NFL

The Boston Herald newspaper apologized yesterday for a false report on the New England Patriots videotaping the St. Louis Rams' final walkthrough a day before the teams met in the 2002 Super Bowl.

Goodell

"Sorry Pats" read the newspaper's front-page headline a day after NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said there was nothing new in videotapes he received showing the Patriots taping opposing teams' signals and that no additional penalty against New England was being considered.

"We own up to the error on the walkthrough story," the tabloid said in its apology for this year's Feb. 2 story quoting unidentified sources and published a day before New England's 17-14 Super Bowl loss to the New York Giants.

"The Boston Herald regrets the damage done to the team by the publication of this allegation and sincerely apologizes to its readers and to the New England Patriots' owners, players, employees and fans for our error," the newspaper said.

The apology, published in print and on its website, acknowledged the report was false and said it now knows no tape of the walkthrough ever existed.

"We should not have published the allegation in the absence of firmer verification," the newspaper said.

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SCOREBOARD

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CONFERENCE FINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
PHILADELPHIA VS. PITTSBURGH
Game 4 — Tonight
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 5:30
*Game 5 — Sunday
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 1
*Game 6 — Tuesday
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 5:30
*Game 7 — Thursday
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 5:30(Pittsburgh leads series 3-0)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
DALLAS VS. DETROIT
Game 4 — Last night
Dallas 3 Detroit 1
Game 5 — Saturday
Dallas at Detroit, 11:30
*Game 6 — Monday
Detroit at Dallas, 6
*Game 7 — Wednesday
Dallas at Detroit, 5:30
(Detroit leads series 3-1)
(* – if necessary)

NBA

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
EASTERN CONFERENCE
BOSTON VS. CLEVELAND
Game 5 — Last night
Boston 96 Cleveland 89
Game 6 — Tomorrow
Boston at Cleveland, 6
*Game 7 — Sunday
Cleveland at Boston, TBA
(Boston leads series 3-2)
DETROIT VS. ORLANDO
(Detroit wins series 4-1)
WESTERN CONFERENCE
L.A. LAKERS VS. UTAH
Game 5 — Last night
Utah at L.A. Lakers
Game 6 — Tomorrow
L.A. Lakers at Utah, 8:30
*Game 7 — Monday
Utah at L.A. Lakers, TBA
(Series tied 2-2)
NEW ORLEANS VS. SAN ANTONIO
Game 6 — Tonight
New Orleans at San Antonio, 7
*Game 7 — Monday
San Antonio at New Orleans, TBA
(New Orleans leads series 3-2)
(* – if necessary)

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Kansas City 2 Detroit 0
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Washington 5 N.Y. Mets 3
Cincinnati 7 Florida 6
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Toronto at Minnesota, 11:10
Detroit at Kansas City, 12:10
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay, 2:10
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, 8:05
NATIONAL LEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers at Milwaukee, 11:05
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 11:10
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 11:15
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CANADA vs. Sweden, 3
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Belleville vs. Gatineau, 5
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Spokane vs. Gatineau, 5
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Kitchener vs. Belleville, 5

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Ex-Indiana coach joins Bucks staff

HIRING Milwaukee Bucks general manager John Hammond announced yesterday that Kelvin Sampson and three others will join the team as assistant coaches under new head coach Scott Skiles.

The announcement comes less than three months after Sampson was forced to resign as head coach of Indiana's men's basketball program amid five major NCAA rules violations.

MLB

Pirates catcher Doumit put on DL

INJURY Pittsburgh Pirates catcher Ryan Doumit was placed on the 15-day disabled list yesterday with a fractured left thumb.

Doumit is off to a hot start, hitting .350 with five homers and 15 runs batted in 29 games for the Pirates this season.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Zenit claims UEFA Cup title

Russian team wins its first European final

Russian champions Zenit St Petersburg won their first European silverware when second-half goals from Igor Denisov and Konstantin Zyrianov secured a 2-0 victory over Rangers in the UEFA Cup final yesterday.

Denisov slotted home after 72 minutes and fellow midfielder Zyrianov sealed victory with a close range effort in stoppage time at the City of Manchester stadium to secure the trophy for Zenit in their first European final.

It was the second UEFA Cup success by a Russian side in four seasons following CSKA Moscow's triumph in 2005.

"Winning a prize like this does not come often in your life," Zenit coach Dick Advocaat told a news conference. "We are very proud that Zenit won tonight and after the way we played in this tournament, we really deserved it."

The defeat suffered by Rangers ended their quest for an unlikely quadruple with the Scottish League Cup winners still contesting the league title and also lining up in the Scottish FA Cup final later this month.

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"I cannot speak highly enough of the group of players we have," said Rangers manager Walter Smith. "We didn't think this season would lead to a European final. Obviously, we're disappointed to lose after a good campaign for us."

Zenit failed to reproduce their impressive demolition of competition favourites Bayern Munich in the semi-finals but their attacking qualities, honed by Dutch coach Dick Advocaat, were too much for a spirited Rangers side.

Zenit gave an early demonstration of their counter-attacking prowess when captain Anatoly Tymoschuk robbed a hesitant Brahim Hemdani in midfield and a swift break ended with Andrei Arshavin shooting narrowly wide.

Rangers quickly settled though and Zenit's Victor Fayzulin made a well-timed interception to clear Jean-Claude Darcheville's dangerous cross into the goalmouth in a decent opening for both sides.

The Russian side enjoyed plenty of possession with Tymoschuk at the heart of some intricate passing moves. Fayzulin headed over an Arshavin cross, then Alexander Anyukov tested Rangers goalkeeper Neil Alexander with a rasping drive.

Rangers were content to soak up the pressure, showing little attacking intent of their own as Zenit probed away with Arshavin a menacing presence on the left flank.

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Zenit St. Petersburg's Konstantin Zyrianov, right, scores against Rangers yesterday during their UEFA Cup final soccer match at the City of Manchester stadium in Manchester, England. Zenit beat the Scottish side 2-0.

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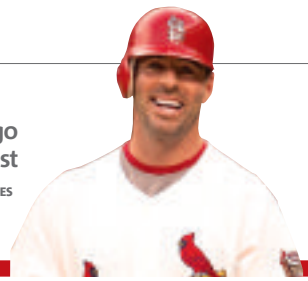

Veteran outfielder Jim Edmonds, right, is expected to sign with the Chicago Cubs. The 37-year-old was released by the San Diego Padres after batting just .178 with one home run and six RBI in 26 games this season. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada tops Norway

Power play lifts hosts over pesky squad

CANADA 8 NORWAY 2

By **MATTHEW WUEST**
Metro Halifax

For 29 minutes and 57 seconds, Norway bent, but didn't break. Then, Canada snapped the pesky squad in two.

Canada turned a 2-2 nailbiter into an 8-2 blowout with a dominating final 30 minutes in the quarter-finals at the world hockey championship yesterday at the Metro Centre as the tournament bid farewell to Halifax.

The win earned Canada a semifinal date with Sweden tomorrow in Quebec City, but it didn't come without tense moments.

"When it was 2-2, I was wondering if that ferry parked outside had a direct route to Columbus," joked head coach Ken Hitchcock, who lives in Ohio as coach of the NHL's Blue Jackets.

Norway, which nearly shocked Canada when it fought to a 2-1 loss in the round robin, was in another close game until it got into penalty trouble midway through the second period.

Jonathan Toews capitalized at 9:57 to spark the six-goal onslaught. Derek Roy followed that up with two goals in a span of 2:42 on bullet shots from the faceoff circle, making it 5-2 after 40 minutes, and completed his hat trick in the third.

"We expected a tough game — it was just a matter of us controlling the game after that and pushing them out of the game," said Canadian forward Rick Nash, who scored two goals of his own. "We had something to prove."

PAUL DARROW/REUTERS

Canada's Shane Doan, centre, crashes into the boards during the second period of a quarter-final game at the 2008 IIHF World Hockey Championships in Halifax yesterday. Canada won 8-2.

IIHF

Semifinals set at world tournament

HOCKEY Mattias Weinhandl scored in overtime to earn Sweden a 3-2 win over the Czech Republic yesterday. The Olympic champions go on to face Canada in the semifinals.

The other semifinal matchup will pit Russia against Finland. The Russians advanced with a 6-0 victory over Switzerland, while the Finns used a 3-2 overtime victory to oust the United States. METRO NEWS SERVICES

NHL

Mellanby joins Canucks front office

VANCOUVER Former NHL player Scott Mellanby will join the Vancouver Canucks as a consultant to the general manager and hockey operations department.

Mellanby, who played 20 years in the NHL with five different teams, will assist GM Mike Gillis in all areas of hockey operations, specifically professional player personnel.

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Henin goes out on top of world

25-year-old won seven Grand Slams

World No. 1 Justine Henin announced she was retiring from professional tennis with immediate effect yesterday.

"It's the end of a wonderful adventure, but it's something I have been thinking about for a long time," the Belgian told a news conference.

Henin

Henin, the winner of seven grand slam titles, had been expected to defend her French Open crown later this month but instead opted to turn her back on the sport at the age of just 25.

"I am leaving as the world No. 1 and that is important and it is always better to go out at the top," said Henin, who won 41 titles since turning professional in 1999.

She also became the first woman to quit the sport while ranked number one.

"I have been driving my career based on an emotion, but I didn't feel that emotion anymore since (last year's season-ending championships in) Madrid," said Henin, whose final match turned out to be a third-round defeat by Dinara Safina in Berlin last week.

"At Madrid, I felt I had reached the climax of my career. I had thought about taking a break, but in the end I didn't think this was the right decision.

"I decided on returning from (last week's tournament in) Berlin to stop now. I leave without any regrets and I know it is the right decision."

Henin became the first Belgian to win a grand slam title with her triumph at the French Open in 2003 and, despite suffering numerous turmoils throughout her career, she did not let it affect her form on court.

Credited with owning the best backhand in the game, she bucked the trend of the power players on the tour by climbing to the top of the world rankings despite her slight five-foot-five frame.

A winner of four Roland Garros crowns, two U.S. Open titles and one at the Australian Open, Henin admitted the lure of completing her collection at Wimbledon was not enough to prolong her career.

"Winning Wimbledon would not have made me any happier," said Henin, who also captured Olympic gold in Athens four years ago.

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Dive into swimsuit shopping

Model Monika Schnarre talks to Metro about tips on finding that perfect fit

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Calgary

With the hot summer months just around the corner, it's time to start shopping for a killer, trendy wardrobe. And that means trying to get your hands on that perfect swimsuit.

Many women dread shopping for swimwear, and many leave the fitting room empty-handed, frustrated.

PACO GARCIA FOR SEA QUEEN PHOTO

Monika Schnarre models the Monte Carlo Molten Gold Halter Bikini, $120, from the Sea Queen swimwear line.

But it doesn't have to be that way, says Canadian actress and supermodel Monika Schnarre. When picking out the swimsuit that best suits your personality and body type, the first thing to do is to find something that flatters your assets, she says.

And don't be afraid to show off your goods — as long as you're comfortable with it, she adds.

"You know what, you want to accentuate your assets and then cover up your flaws," Schnarre tells Metro. "So if you're a little bigger in the hips, you'll probably want to wear a skirted bottom. If you have children or you're not comfortable with a bare stomach, you might want to go with a one-piece that has a tummy liner built in."

With the recent release of the Sea Queen Swimwear Collection 2008, a runway-inspired line, Schnarre says there's so much variety that there really is something for everyone. And if you're looking to accentuate your chest, Schnarre recommends the SwimTech ContourLift Bra.

"The swimsuit is actually built around the bra instead of vice versa, and like other suits where as soon as they get wet they tend to fall off, this one doesn't," says Schnarre. "It actually holds its shape ... you could even take off the straps and it'll stay on."

Another tip Schnarre says to keep in mind is to try wearing a heel around the pool. This will help elongate the leg. The key is to know your flaws and minimize them. Things such as a tan from a bottle or a spray tan is also great for the summer.

"And accessorizing, with hats and jewelry is fun and adds to your look ... and you especially want to have a great manicure and pedicure," she says.

Some of this year's trends include adding belts to your swimsuit, and the empire waist is also popular since it creates the illusion of length and camouflages a bottom-heavy figure or thick waist.

Schnarre says many of the dresses we see on the runway have been translated to swimsuits, such as the empire waist, metallics and animal prints.

"We're also seeing one-pieces making a huge comeback, with a bit of a throwback to the '30s and '40s," she says. "Some of my favourites are the one-pieces; throw on a sarong and it looks like a beautiful summer dress."

» For more information, visit *www.seaqueen.ca*.

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>
> *Supermodel Monika Schnarre*

A selection of swimsuits from Sea Queen (*www.seaqueen.ca*). Clockwise from top: Montecristo Maillot with Moulded Bra, $110; Santorini Tiger Print Halter Bikini, $95; Monte Carlo Molten Gold Maillot with SwimTech ContourLift Bra, $110.

homefashion

Keep your bananas neat, bruise-free and off your counter with Umbra's Banana Split hanger, which folds flat for compact storage; $16 at *www.umbra.com*. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Creating sunshine-friendly spaces

Strategically placed mirrored surfaces bring in the light

The glorious spring sunshine is sparkling prettily outdoors, but don't despair if you are stuck inside. The design team knows a fabulous way to bring the bright cheerful presence of sunshine into your home.

We just love to use mirrors to add light and sparkle. But think beyond the usual — mirrors can be used effectively and to lovely effect in many imaginative and unexpected ways.

For example, do you have a dark basement or other space with few windows? You can add "virtual" windows by positioning mirrors opposite your existing windows. And you can increase the amount of light directed into a room by finishing the windowsill and perhaps the side of interior window frames in mirror.

To visually expand space, think about mounting two full-length mirrors on either side of a fireplace — it actually makes the room look as if it continues beyond the fireplace.

Or use a row of long, tall mirrors spaced across a wall for contemporary flair. An oversized mirror in a frame, tilted against a wall in a bedroom or sitting area can add drama and elegance.

A small kitchen can benefit from a mirrored backsplash. You can add interest in a small bathroom by layering two mirrored layers—a framed mirror over a mirrored wall, for example. In a child's room, you may use a collection of mirrors cut into pieces that reflect a theme, such as a collection of block shapes or stars and moons.

And mirrored furniture, besides being beautiful on its own, can also bring in light and expand space in any room of the house.

But there is one very important thing to remember about a mirror — it will reflect whatever is in front of it. So do not commit a design crime by placing a mirror in a place where it reflects a messy closet, a bathroom door, or something equally uninspiring. If you have a beautiful garden outdoors, or a woodsy backyard, cut flowers, or a work of art, reflect that lovely picture instead.

And if you put a mirror on a window sill or frame, make sure it reflects sky, or flowers or plants, for example. Do not use it to reflect a sidewalk, a utility pole, or the back side of an air conditioner. Be prepared to tilt the mirrored finish to reflect an attractive view.

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When placed strategically, mirrors can help bring outdoor light into your space. This photo is from the book Learning To See: Bringing The World Around You Into Your Home, by Vincente Wolf.

Finally, avoid the dust and grime design crime. The wonderful reflective properties of mirror means that it will also reflect dirt — remember to dust or polish regularly.

To take full advantage of all the benefits of mirrors in your home, also consider the effect of putting mirror into the back of a china cabinet or using a mirrored display shelf to reflect your lovely things. Use a mirrored "place mat" to reflect a beautiful centerpiece on a table, or a gleaming china and crystal place setting.

Aside from the reflective benefits of mirror, it is also very practical — we've seen mirror placed on the back or above a deep pantry shelf — a godsend for those who are sick of digging through their canned goods in search of an elusive ingredient.

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The taming of the imported brew

Carlsberg reacts to popularity of foreign beers

By **RICK McGINNIS**
for Metro Calgary

KEITH BEATY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Imported beer scarcely existed as a sales category in the age of the stubby, but it's exploded in the last decade.

Carlsberg arrived in Canada over 35 years ago with a peal of carillon bells and the thunder of heavy horses, one of the first foreign beers to establish a presence in the country in competition with the brands produced by Labbatt, Molson and Carling O'Keefe, the trio of breweries that dominated the country in the age of the stubby.

The beer landscape has changed immeasurably since then, and during its long sojourn in Canada, the Danish beer has been produced domestically by Carling, Labatt, McAuslan and Moosehead.

That changed this week, with the end of domestic production of Carlsberg here in January, and the relaunch of the brand in its regular and light incarnations in a slim green bottle as a premium import.

For Preben Ganzhorn, Carlsberg's director of marketing here, it was less a matter of quality than perception, a vital factor in fighting the beer wars today.

"One of the challenges for a brand like Carlsberg." Says Ganzhorn, "was that being produced in Canada we had to use the domestic brown standard bottle, so there was consumer confusion as to which category Carlsberg belonged in. Generally consumers knew that Carlsberg was produced in Canada, but they also knew that is was a big international beer.

"There was a sentiment that it was like a pseudo import brand at domestic price, and not a real premium beer."

Imported beer scarcely existed as a sales category in the age of the stubby, but Ganzhorn points out that it's exploded in the last decade, which motivated Carlsberg's decision to continue to compete in Canada, but as a premium import, confident that beer connoisseurs will applaud the change.

"Our research has shown us that the imported beer category has grown significantly for the past five years. The Canadian beer drinker wants beer that is brewed at its place of origin. They want the real Carlsberg."

a little bit of history

» Carlsberg was founded in 1847 by J.C. Jacobsen.
» Jacobsen's innovations included the method for propagating pure yeast. The yeast — named "Saccharomyces Carlsbergensis" — was even given to other brewers for free. Today, wherever you enjoy a lager, there's probably a little Carlsberg in it.

Natalie's specialty: The growing cake

MacMaster learns never to fiddle with recipes

Natalie MacMaster always enjoyed playing the fiddle while sitting in the rocking chair in the kitchen.

Natalie MacMaster is a world famous fiddler and step dancer. She first picked up the fiddle at age nine and is the niece of famed Cape Breton fiddler Buddy MacMaster. As part of a national tour, Natalie will perform at Casino Rama on May 23 and 24. She will then take the stage at Ottawa's National Arts Centre on June 5 and Edmonton's Hawrelak Park Amphitheatre on August 8.

Q What is your fondest memory from your family kitchen?

A When I think of my parents' kitchen I immediately think of great food and music. I always enjoyed playing the fiddle while sitting in the rocking chair in the kitchen.

Q What kitchen aromas bring back fond memories?

A The smell of my mom's homemade cinnamon rolls. I also love the smell of fresh baked bread and deep fried chicken.

Q What is your favourite food to cook?

A I love to prepare pasta. I experiment with different sauces from recipes in cookbooks.

Q How did the first meal you prepared turn out?

A I never truly discovered the joy of cooking until I got married.

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One of the most memorable meals was the first time I had my in-laws over for dinner. I decided to bake a cake and inadvertently put three cups of baking powder in the mixing bowl instead of three cups of flour. Needless to say, the results were interesting. I kept checking the oven and the cake just kept growing and growing. I took pictures of the finished product.

Q What kitchen gadget can't you live without?

A I love my cheese grater. Many of my dishes call for cheese and having a good cheese grater is really indispensable to me.

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2. Barbecued ribs, right
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4. S'mores, baked in aluminum foil by the campfire coals
5. Bacon, eggs and old-fashioned percolated coffee

— Douglas Dunlop/for Metro Calgary

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Actress Naomi Watts, left, has been unveiled as the new face of designer Thierry Mugler's Angel fragrance. IMDB.COM

Coldplay on a mission

Band plans tour, drops free single ahead of new disc

EMI MUSIC PHOTO

Coldplay, which is set to release new album Viva La Vida Or Death And All His Friends, is on a mission to connect with its fans.

The album that will put the new EMI under its greatest global scrutiny to date is also 2008's most eagerly awaited release. That's the official word from Coldplay's new boss.

The band's Viva La Vida Or Death And All His Friends will be released June 17 in North America on Capitol. EMI Group chairman Guy Hands, who led the buyout of the music company last summer through his private-equity firm Terra Firma, says, "Right across the world, this is the most anticipated album of the year."

As the follow-up to the British melodic rock band's X&Y album of summer 2005, which scaled global sales north of 10 million units, according to the label, it's a significant release for many reasons. Just as Viva La Vida is a bold musical statement by a group that Martin says had grown to feel "a little dirty" by the end of its last campaign, the importance of this album to the new EMI, in the midst of its management restructuring, is hard to overstate.

But Martin, sitting in the band's own studio, the Bakery in northwest London, offers a typically relaxed and realistic interpretation.

"Being on a major label at the moment is like living in your grandparents' house," he says. "Everyone knows they need to move out, and they will eventually, but we kind of like our grandmother.

"It's obviously an antiquated model, because of the Internet, but we really love the people we work with. If we knew what the solution was to everything, then we'd do it. We have absolute respect for the Radioheads and Raconteurs and people who can do what they like. We're in contract though, so we're just going to make the most of it and enjoy the people we get to work with."

> «*Right across the world, this is the most anticipated album of the year*»
>
> *EMI Group chairman Guy Hands*

In a bold move to reassert its close relationship with its fans, Coldplay made the album's first single, Violet Hill available as a free download April 29, shifting more than two million units in its week of being available for free, according to EMI. A cover-mounted 7-inch vinyl edition of the single was given away with the May 10 issue of British weekly NME, which went on sale May 6 — the only physical version of the single to be made available, although it also went on sale at digital outlets the same day.

"Of course we want to sell a lot of records," Martin says. "But we want to get right back to the root of everything, by saying, 'Here you go, have a song, have a concert.' All that other stuff we have to do because we're in contract, that's all going to happen, of course, but it's just starting from that place. It makes us feel good as a group of people." REUTERS

new drama

Spelling in talks for 90210 role

Spelling

CASTING Tori Spelling, who played Donna Martin on Beverly Hills, 90210, is in negotiations to reprise her role in the CW network's upcoming spin-off, which recently cast Jennie Garth as a counselor at West Beverly High, *People.com* reports.

"I would love to see our characters Kelly and Donna together again," Spelling says.

drug allegations

Amy Winehouse won't be charged

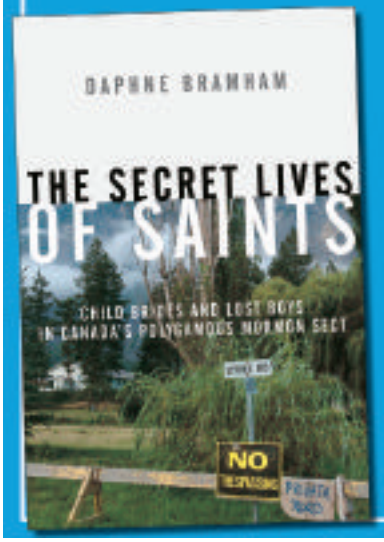
PEOPLE Amy Winehouse has escaped legal action in Britain in connection with video footage that appeared to show her taking drugs, *People.com* reports.

"Police have confirmed that no action will be taken against Amy Winehouse," her U.S. rep said yesterday.

»news In Brief

» **BOOKS** James Frey's new book Bright Shiny Morning is receiving mixed reviews. But at least this time everyone agrees the book is fiction, Reuters reports. Frey sparked a literary outcry when it was discovered chunks of last book A Million Little Pieces had been fabricated. METRO NEWS SERVICES

CHILD BRIDES AND POLYGAMY

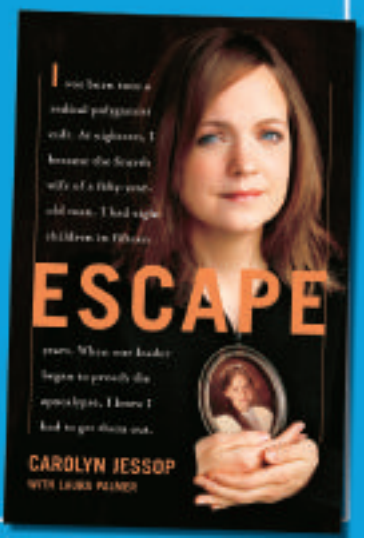


IN CANADA?

Winston Blackmore of Bountiful, B.C., says it's God's will that he has **dozens of wives and scores of children**. Canada's most outspoken polygamist has **publicly admitted to marrying girls as young as fifteen**. Polygamy and sex with minors are both illegal in Canada and yet Blackmore and this cult flourish. ***The Secret Lives of Saints*** is a riveting, shocking account of the founding and flourishing of the polygamous, fundamentalist Mormon sect in Bountiful, B.C.

ONE WOMAN'S FLIGHT

"**Astonishing**.... The story Carolyn Jessop tells is so weird and shocking that one hesitates to believe a sect like this, with 10,000 polygamous followers, could really exist in 21st-century America. But Jessop's **courageous, heart-wrenching account** is absolutely factual. This riveting book reminds us that truth can indeed be much, much stranger than fiction."
—Jon Krakauer, author of *Into Thin Air* and *Into the Wild*



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Kristin Chenoweth, left, has joined Jeremy Sisto in the cast of the indie drama Into Temptation. The story is about a suicidal prostitute (Chenoweth) who confesses her plan to kill herself to a priest (Sisto). EW.COM

Shows deck the halls

HEATHER SETKA

DAVE HOGAN/GETTY IMAGES

Mel C

Calgary may be rough around the edges, but this city is slick in the middle. And although the heart of our culture is in the core, every quadrant has its own charm, as well. My mission, and I do believe it's possible, is to round up each weekend's best suspects for entertainment ... no matter what corner of this oil town they might be lurking in.

I'm kicking off my first Slick City safari with a tour of three halls, one overflowing with young artists, another with five old men in dresses and a space fit for a Spice Girl. Try to stay with me here.

Like so many Canadians my age, some of my fondest childhood memories involve watching Scott Thompson don old-lady drag once a week on the CBC sketch comedy show, Kids In The Hall.

Creepy. We live in a really weird country, if you think about it.

The Kids have reunited for a tour that stops in Calgary this Saturday night at the Jack Singer Concert Hall. Tickets are about $60 and available at *www.ticketmaster.com*.

Speaking of memory-making, the Alberta College of Art and Design (ACAD) Class of '08 graduates this weekend. And why should you care?

More than 180 grads/artists are publicly showcasing their work, including painting, photography, ceramics, sculpture, and jewelry.

"It's our best and our brightest," says ACAD's Michelle Madley.

Their work will be displayed down hallways, in classrooms and other spaces on the campus at 1407-14th Ave SW. The opening reception is today at 5 p.m. and the exhibit remains free to the public tomorrow and Saturday.

C'mon ... admit it. Everyone has a favourite Spice Girl. Mine's Sporty, for obvious reasons, and she just happens to be performing in town tonight.

So what's it like for Mel C to come down off an international stadium tour to play smallish venues like MacEwan Hall? If the trade-off is not having to stomach Posh every night, I'm guessing it's pretty darn good. Tickets to the show are $35 on *www.ticketmaster.com*.

Please send your comments and your slickest suggestions to slickcity@metronews.ca.

Heather Setka has been skulking around the Calgary cultural scene for the past four years, including a stint as Setka In The City on CBC radio. She's a lover of the aesthetic, the aural and all things esoteric.

Idol finale a battle of styles

Next week's showdown to pit man against boy

By **SANDY CAETANO**
for Metro Calgary

The results are in – next week's American Idol finale will see man pitted against boy, David Cook versus David Archuleta.

So it's come down to the rocker and the balladeer, and who's crowned king this season will be left in the hands of American viewers at the end of next week's performance show. And though these two guys have been great competitors with solid performances — Syesha Mercado, who was eliminated during last night's show, was also battling her way to the end.

Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to land her a spot in the final two. And though it may be upsetting to many of her fans, Mercado did get a lot of exposure while in the singing competition and has a good chance of making it on her own in the music industry.

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Mercado was one of the most improved this season, and as her fellow competitors were being voted off the show, it gave her more of a chance to shine and prove just how remarkable her powerful voice is.

During last night's show, host Ryan Seacrest announced that a season high of nearly 56 million votes came pouring in this week following the end of Tuesday's performance episode. And it was Mercado's turn to say goodbye.

Before the results were read, and the top two revealed, the three remaining competitors gave viewers one final group performance, while the rest of the show focused on each of the competitors' hometown visits.

Viewers were also treated to a performance by former American Idol winner Fantasia Barrino, who sang her latest song Bore Me. The title of that song says it all. Well, that and the bewildered look on judge Simon Cowell's face.

As Seacrest got ready to announce who was moving on, he picked up a few comments from the judges.

"If you're really, really lucky, the world is going to watch ... and the world will remember all three of you," said Paula Abdul.

"There's too many words, I don't know what to say ... I just want to say thank you," said Mercado before singing Alicia Keys' If I Ain't Got You.

Catch American Idol Tuesday on CTV at 8 p.m.

X-Weighted gains third season

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Kristi attempts to get back in shape on X-Weighted.

Life wouldn't be life without having to face challenges on a daily basis.

These can range from meeting deadlines at school or work, not being able to pursue the career you really want or having to deal with the loss of a loved one.

Yet, we all deal with such struggles differently. Some of us bottle it inside, some are able to talk about it, while others may overeat.

Food isn't an escape from your worries, it just makes it all that much harder to cope and adds more problems to your list.

The third season of Slice's X-Weighted, which premiered last week, is a series of 13 one-hour long documentaries chronicling the lives of normal people trying to bag that excess fat.

Over a period of six months these people will push their minds and bodies to the limits to get back on track of living a healthy life.

In the premiere episode, Debbi, a 26-year-old homemaker, wife and mother of three from Calgary, hardly recognized herself anymore. In her mind's eye she sees herself as thin, but when she looks at photos or sees herself in a mirror she's horrified. But she was able to shed 39 lbs.

During last night's episode, 26-year-old Gaia, also from Calgary, is an out-of-shape, roller derby mama who wants to battle her weight and self-esteem issues to become a role model for her toddler daughter. And now she's happier having achieved her weight-loss goal.

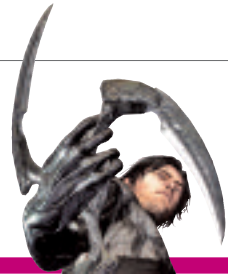
Like Gaia and Debbi, all the people on the show are given guidance from experts in fitness like Paul Plakas, nutrition experts like holistic nutritionist Crystal Andrus and self-esteem experts like Fred Connors.

Next week, Kristi, a patrol supervisor from Toronto who oversees road crews, begins her journey and vows to regain control of her weight and get back into the dating scene again.

By the end of the series, a record-setting 809 lbs is lost and each of these participants is living a better and healthier life. It just goes to show that whether you're overweight by 5 lbs or 50 lbs, there's always a way to get your life back — you just have to want it bad enough.

Catch X-Weighted Wednesdays on Slice.

Sandy Caetano has been with Metro for five years, and covers reality shows from Canadian Idol to The Bachelor. She's interviewed stars like Leanne Rimes, Lionel Richie, Paul Anka, Good Charlotte and more.



Will Hayden, right, from Dark Sector, slices through the competition. And how does the latest Final Fantasy story, Crisis Core: Final Fantasy VII stack up? For answers check out the Game On column exclusively at *metronews.ca*.

The shameless self-parody of Shatner

IDIOT BOX

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TO BOLDLY GO: As celebrities go, William Shatner is the gift that keeps on giving, having long since won the battle to turn shameless self-parody into a positive character trait, and a beneficial career move. The tragedy of Shatner is that almost nobody, except perhaps Christopher Walken, has managed to pull off anything resembling this feat.

In an article on his new autobiography on the contactmusic.com site, Shatner is quoted on the inadvisability of getting involved with fans — or Star Trek fans, at the very least. Citing what sounds like personal experience, Shatner says fans arrived at the captain's quarters, so to speak, with a few issues, and more than a few fantasies, in tow. They would insist on being "beamed up" — whatever that's supposed to mean — and would shriek "So, this is what it's like to be in bed with Captain Kirk!"

"You can't imagine how much of a downer that is in every sense of the word," Shatner writes. And that, Scotty, is what we call too much information.

GETTY IMAGES

Former Star Trek star William Shatner discusses the downside of getting involved with fans in a recent article.

TV IS POLITICS BY OTHER MEANS: As if he didn't have enough to worry about with a credit crisis, botched new tax policies and a recent electoral trouncing, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown is apparently launching a charm offensive, with new policies aiding housing, families and schools and, if an Associated Press story yesterday is to be believed, a tentative plan to appear on a reality TV show.

Brown is entertaining a spot as a guest judge on Junior P.M., a British reality show modelled roughly on The Apprentice, where contestants try to prove they have what it takes to lead a constitutional monarchy. Brown has admitted to being a fan of reality shows in the past, and has to deal with an image problem that dogs him as glum and humourless.

To this end, according to the Associated Press story, he has tried to soften his image recently, "holding talks with pop star Shakira and recording a video message for American Idol." It sounds promising, at least — the long conflict between Shakira and Britain has been a problem for the country's foreign policy.

Of course, none of this seems to have done much good, as Brown's Labour party suffered terribly at the hands of the Tories in recent elections, and is presumed to likely do as poorly at a special election next week.

Here's a radical idea — maybe Brown shouldn't be running about trying to look like someone's dad throwing gang signs and going emo; perhaps this might at least partially account for his party's poor performance in the polls. A humourless politician, at least, is one that doesn't give the impression he has something to laugh about, at our potential expense.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera. He walked 47 miles of barbed wire and has a cobra snake for a necktie.

movies

Group wants Guru film banned

CONTROVERSY The Love Guru has not received a warm welcome from some Hindu groups, who reportedly have requested that India's Central Board of Film Certification and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting ban screenings of the Mike Myers comedy in India.

In March, U.S.-based Universal Society of Hinduism president Rajan Zed was one of the first to protest the film when he said it "appears to be lampooning Hinduism."

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In Brief

» **MUSIC** Originally due June 24, Ne-Yo's third Def Jam album, Year of the Gentleman, has been pushed back to Aug. 5 while the artist completes additional songs for the project. The album features production by longtime Ne-Yo colleagues Stargate, Christopher "Tricky" Stewart, J.R. Rotem and members of Ne-Yo's Atlanta-based Compound Entertainment crew. REUTERS

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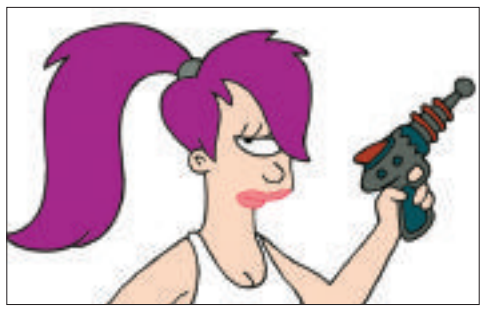
critics' corner

Futurama

This episode answers the question "Just how stupid is Fry?" Apparently he's so moronic that when giant flying brains try to take over Earth by turning everyone into idiots, Fry (voice of Billy West) is the only one resistant to them. Why? He's already an imbecile, so it's impossible for him to become any more unintelligent. 9:30 PM on TOON



CSI: Crime Scene Investigation

Keppler is in the spotlight in this episode — actually, he wants to remain well out of it. A police officer and prostitute die in a hotel room, and Keppler (Liev Schreiber) knows the guy who found the bodies. But he wants to remain involved in the investigation, so he keeps his personal ties to the case a secret. And with Grissom (William Petersen) back from his sabbatical, it's going to be hard. 5 PM on SPIKE

Hour of the Gun

How many movies have there been about Doc Holliday and Wyatt Earp? Too many, probably, but this 1967 film starring Jason Robards and James Garner as Holliday and Earp is one of the good ones. You know the story: The two join forces to fight the Clanton gang, and a rollicking Western ensues. Albert Salmi, Sam Melville and Jon Voight co-star. 8 PM on TCM

celebritybuzz

Joel's night out angers Nicole

While Nicole Richie was home caring for her baby, her fiancé, Good Charlotte front man Joel Madden, spent a night partying with actress Lindsay Lohan, *starmagazine.com* reports.

Needless to say, the reality TV star was crushed.

The trouble started for the new mom after she decided to stay home with Harlow, her four-month-old daughter with Madden, while he deejayed at a Cinco de Mayo party in Los Angeles. However, while there, Madden reportedly seemed more interested in Lohan than in spinning records.

"Their heads were practically touching, and he had his leg over hers," says one onlooker. "Joel has a flirtatious side, and he definitely wasn't turning her away."

Richie was immediately alerted to the situation by her pal Paris Hilton, who sent her a text message: "Lindsay was all over Joel!"

Richie is then said to have frantically tried to call Madden, but he wasn't answering his phone.

"He was so zeroed in on Lindsay, he never heard his cell ring," a friend said. "Nicole felt so incredibly helpless and upset that she threw her phone against the wall in a rage."

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Maxim lauds Marisa

Supermodel Marisa Miller is the hottest woman in the world, according to Maxim magazine.

Miller "embodies the official return of the all-American supermodel," *People.com* quotes the magazine as saying. "Not since Cindy Crawford ruled the catwalk has a pinup born and bred on U.S. soil so thoroughly captured the imagination of the American male."

Of her career, Miller says, "I get a kick out of it, but it would be stupid to let it go to my head. It's modelling – I didn't find the cure for cancer."

Other stars on the list include actress Scarlett Johansson in the No. 2 spot, actress Jessica Biel at No. 3, and actress Eva Longoria Parker, who the magazine dubs "hotter than a truckload of jalapenos," at No. 4.

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Halle to wed baby daddy

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Halle Berry and Gabriel Aubry are reportedly engaged, *female-first.co.uk* reports.

Canadian model Aubry, who has a one-month-old daughter Nahla Ariela with Berry, is said to have proposed to the actress, and given her a ring which belonged to his grandmother.

"Gabriel felt the time was right to propose," a source said. "He gave her the family heirloom because he wanted to show her how much she means to him, and how she will be accepted into the Aubry family. The ring belonged to Gabriel's grandmother – it was her engagement ring."

Berry was first seen wearing a diamond ring in Los Angeles over the weekend. Metro News Services

Shayne's racy photos

She may be engaged, but The Bachelor: London Calling winner Shayne Lamas isn't saving everything for her future husband Matt Grant, *thehollywoodgossip.com* reports.

Lamas is appearing on the cover of Girls Gone Wild magazine. In a racy six-page photo spread, Lamas, 22, reveals details of her time on the reality show. She reportedly admits she jumped on board The Bachelor in order to seek fame.

"It's what every girl wants," she said, characterizing Grant, as being "very casual (and) respectful of women."

Girls Gone Wild publisher Joe Francis says Lamas' appeal is easy to sum up: "Shayne has a genuine 'girl next door' quality," he said in a press release. "And she also happens to be very hot." Metro News Services

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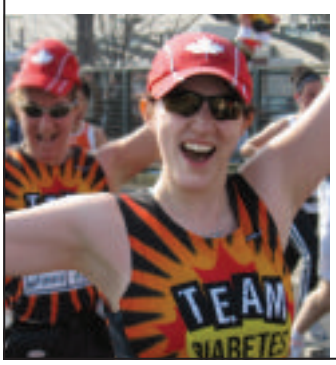

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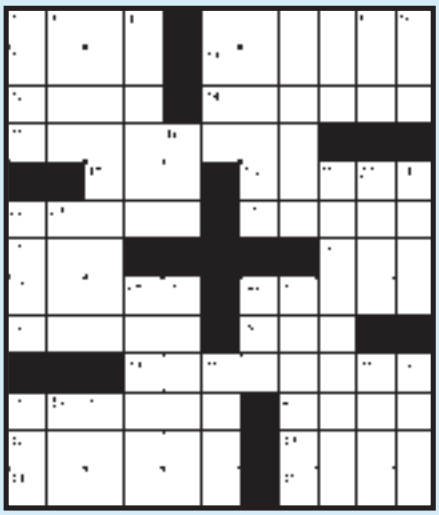

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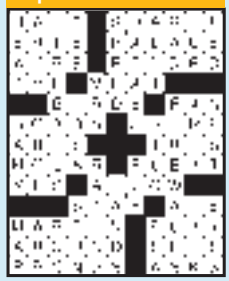

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Make necessary changes to your lifestyle now. Problems indicate that maintenance is dysfunctional. Avoid battles with authority figures.

TAURUS | April 21-May 21
There's a commotion in the cruel world. A ridiculous scandal is about to break out. Apologize when misunderstandings occur.

GEMINI | May 22-June 21
Frustration with outdated rules can be eased. Be ready for some head spinning revelations. Follow your dreams in order to make things right.

CANCER | June 22-July 22
A man will knock on the door for the last time. Commit yourself to a positive course of action. Dreams and fantasies will come true.

LEO | July 23-Aug. 23
A helper teaches you more than enough. A competitor's smile will make people nervous. Your emotional fitness level will rise.

VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22
One of your most cherished goals is within reach. Don't waste any tears on an offensive person. You'll reap a strange reward.

LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23
Things aren't as bad as they seem. It might take forever to get somewhere, but it'll be fun. March to the beat of a different drummer.

SCORPIO | Oct. 24- Nov. 22
Someone will be acting unusually strangely. Don't wear your heart on your sleeve just yet. Moodiness will interfere with a plan.

SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23- Dec. 21
There will be a delay that can't be helped. Visit with friends with something to share. Shake a skeleton out of a closet.

CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
Don't let any bitterness bite you. A clue is given about something new. An informant makes a comment about promotions.

AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
An important man needs help with a surprise. Be humble when someone gives praise. Catch a big mistake in the nick of time.

PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Your mind is geared toward looking for insights. Expect adjustment problems. Your diet plan can wait for another day

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instructions »

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, and each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time »

Under 13 minutes	Genius
13-17 minutes	Scholar
17-21	Smart
21-25	Pretty good
More than 25	Keep practising

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This Day IN HISTORY

May 15, 1252: Pope Innocent IV issues the papal bull that authorized the torture of heretics in the Medieval Inquisition.
May 15, 1905: Las Vegas, Nev., is founded when 110 acres, in what later would become downtown, are auctioned off.
May 15, 1935: The Moscow subway system, one of the world's most heavily used systems, was opened to public.
May 15, 1940: McDonald's opened its first restaurant in San Bernardino, California.

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Calgary weather

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Afternoon	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny. 25°	Clear. Low 9°	Sunny. 26°/ 10°	Partly cloudy. 27°/ 10°	Variable. 24°/ 11°

Temperature
Normals
High: 16.8°
Low: 2.8°

Records
High: 30.6°/1924
Low: -7.8°/1929

Sunrise: 5:44 a.m.
Sunset: 9:20 p.m.
Moonset: 3:47 a.m.
Moonrise: 5:08 p.m.

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